

Another great Musical Festival is arranged with Mr. Walter Demrosch as Director, with his Symphony Orchestra, and a large Chorus. A great Popular Concert, another Symphony Concert with a thousand children's voices; and the Oratorio of "Elijah" will be given.

This school put nearly ten thousand dollars into the ten days' program of last year, and the fee of \$2.50 admitted students to everything. A detailed program may be had upon application to the Dean, Dr. J. E. Price, 150 Fifth Ave., N. Y.

THE TRUE CHURCH.

On his way to San Francisco the train on which Brother Tombaugh traveled remained during Sabbath at Salt Lake City, giving him the privilege to hear the great Mormon lights, Penrose and Cannon. We take the following from a personal letter addressed to us at this office by Brother Tombaugh:

Penrose gave an apology for Mormonism while Cannon attempted to prove the religion of the Latter Day Saints divine by an appeal to the fruits it has borne. The three proofs to which he gave most attention being, 1. The true church of Jesus Christ had been promised persecution; the Mormons have been persecuted, therefore they constitute the true church of Jesus Christ. 2. The Bible promise is that certain signs shall accompany those who believe, among these are the gifts of tongues, gift of healing, of prophecy, etc. The Mormons lack nothing of all the powers and gifts possessed by the apostles themselves and therefore they may justly lay claim to being their successors and are therefore the true church. 3. It is a mark of the true church that its members dwell together in union and peace. Harmony and fraternal fellowship characterize their intercourse among each other, and so again it is proven that they are the true church.

It is remarkable how easy it is to prove one's position right. The process of reasoning in the above is by means of syllogisms, the most deceptive of all reasoning processes. The first proposition is equivalent to saying: All fish can swim; some men can swim, therefore some men are fish. Or this: A Hottentot is a man; you are a man, therefore you are a Hottentot. These are both false syllogisms and the deductions are false also, but not any more so than the above. In the second proposition the major premise is false and of course the conclusion is false also. As to the third, if harmony and peace and union make an organization the true church of Christ, then surely our secret societies have a right to claim to be the true church. There was a time when the whole world was of one mind and heart and language, but it was the unanimity of death, the whole race of man was moving in the wrong direction and

God had to check the downward course by a confusion of tongues. Let us not lay too much stress on unanimity of sentiment; there may not be enough life left to create friction.

THE GREAT COAL STRIKE.

In many of the large coal regions the miners are on a strike for higher wages. There have been improvements in the industrial world and these men claim they are entitled to better wages. What the results of the strike will be we are unable to say at this time, but one thing is certain, some men will be poorer and others richer because of the strike. Already coal has advanced from fifty cents to one dollar per ton and men who have thousands of tons on hand will make immense profits. It is announced that one man in Pittsburg has on hand 750,000 tons of coal which has advanced one dollar per ton and yet he refuses to sell. Such selfish greed it is to be hoped will have its reward in due time. In Ashland we pay fifty cents per ton more for coal than we did a few weeks ago and yet this coal did not cost the dealer a cent more than what he formerly sold at fifty cents less. We would gladly pay the fifty cents extra if the money would go where it rightly belongs—to the miner. But the man who does the real hard work in the coal business is not the man who gets the money.

In the present strike we believe the miner to be in the right and he ought to win. The sympathies of the people are with him because it is publicly known that he is too poorly paid for his labor. In our judgment the miner has just cause for complaint and we shall hope to see him win. He is unjustly robbed of what rightly belongs to him and the cause of righteousness and justice demand that he should be the victor in this struggle. Company stores should forever be abolished by law. The working man should be paid cash and allowed to spend his money where he can do best. This is his right and privilege and he should be protected in them. Our prayer is that the cause of righteousness and justice may triumph.

A DAY OF PRAYER.

It has been suggested that a day be set apart as a day of special prayer for the success of our coming National Conference. The suggestion has our hearty approval. Brother Lyon in his communication from Washington suggests that the Editor name the day. We would rather not assume the

responsibility but if satisfactory to the brotherhood we name Sabbath August 22, as the appointed day. This is the last Sabbath before the conference and in our judgment the most appropriate. It is true the Illiokota conference will be in session on that day but that body can easily spare an hour or more of its devotions and worship for this purpose. Let pastors throughout the brotherhood announce to their people that such a day is to be a day of special prayer for the conference. It will be in place to preach sermons with special reference to the work of the conference, thus directing the attention of the people to the importance of the work, and prepare them for an intelligent as well as prayerful consideration of the subject. Now, brethren, let us pray believingly, knowing assuredly that if we ask for the right thing God will grant our requests. Do you believe in the power of prayer? If you are a child of God you can not but have great faith in the effectual prayer of the righteous. Let us ask in *faith*. Among the things to pray for we mention these: That all selfish motives be kept out of our conference; that God will direct us in the adoption of such methods of work that will be most helpful in carrying out the mission of the church; that God will give us grace to have all due regard for the feelings and rights of others; that there may be a fulness of the spirit in all our hearts; that all our deliberations may be completely under the control of the divine spirit of God; that the one prevailing motive in all that we do will be the honor and glory of God's name. The day appointed thus properly observed in the spirit of true devotion will tell on the work of our conference for years to come.

IN SEARCH OF GOLD.

In 1867 the United States purchased Alaska of Russia for the sum of \$7,200,000. To many it seemed a reckless investment and waste of money, but Uncle Sam is rather a shrewd business man and it now turns out that the purchase of Alaska meant the purchase of a rich gold mine. Far away in the north on a branch of the Yukon gold has been discovered in great abundance. Already \$2,000,000 of gold has been taken out and it is predicted that the mines will yield above \$50,000,000. Men have gone there comparatively poor and returned laden with the precious metal. In fifteen months' time a man and his wife enriched themselves to the amount of \$60,000; others